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Coastal Commercial Message

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Commercial Troll

JULY 1 - SEPTEMBER 16 FISHERY

Washington Catch Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 open July 1 through July 8 and then Friday through Tuesday thereafter through August 19 for all salmon unless changed on this hotline. All coho must be marked with a healed adipose fin clip. There is a **35** chinook cap and a 60 marked coho cap per each boat for each open period in Areas 1 and 2, or a **35** chinook cap and a 40 marked coho cap per each boat for each open period in Areas 3 and 4. No boat may land more than 35 chinook and 60 marked coho during any open period. From August 22 through September 16, Washington Catch Areas 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be open Friday through Tuesday with a 20 chinook cap and a 50 marked coho cap per each boat for each open period in all four areas. No boat may land more than 20 chinook and 50 marked coho during any open period. Mandatory Yelloweye Rockfish Conservation Area, Cape Flattery and Columbia Control Zones are closed. Vessels must land and deliver their fish within 24 hours of any closure of this fishery. **Vessels in possession of salmon north or south of the Queets River may not cross the Queets River line without first notifying WDFW by phone at (360)902-2739 or by email at Douglas.Milward@dfw.wa.gov with Area fished, total Chinook and halibut catch on board, and destination.** Vessels fishing or in possession of salmon while fishing north or south of Leadbetter Point must land their fish within the area before crossing Leadbetter Point. The minimum size limit for chinook is 28 inches. Gear is restricted to all legal troll gear with single point, single shank barbless hooks **only**.

HALIBUT

The operator of a vessel that has been issued an incidental halibut harvest license may retain Pacific halibut caught incidentally in area 2A during authorized periods while trolling for salmon. Contact the NMFS hotline at 1-800-662-9825 for all information on Halibut. In-season action may be taken to avoid exceeding the commercial halibut allocation. Vessels may land no more than 1 Halibut per trip unless changed on this hotline or the NMFS hotline.

The Washington State Quick Reporting System will be in effect throughout the 2014 commercial troll fishery.

If you need more information about the troll fishery call Doug Milward at 360-902-2739.

Commercial troll fisheries are managed on a quota. Open days, landing and possession limits or any other regulation could change at any time. Always contact the fisheries hotline (1-360-902-2500) prior to going fishing.

Thank you for calling the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife coastal commercial hotline.